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SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is investigation into the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Investigation to date has not developed any concrete evidence of Ray's being involved in a conspiracy. Likewise, no information has been developed pinpointing the exact source of funds available to the subject. In order to thoroughly resolve the question of a possible conspiracy, Memphis and Birmingham have been instructed to initiate a specialized recheck.

Since subject on 3/29/68, purchased a gun in Birmingham, Alabama, in the afternoon and returned to the store early the following morning to exchange the gun, there is a good possibility that he may have stayed in Birmingham that night. (It is noted that on 3/24/68, he had rented a room in Atlanta, Georgia, and was there again, that we know of, on 3/31/68.)

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ACTION:

SAC Gamble, Birmingham, was instructed on 6/17/68, to have Agents recheck registration cards, and other records at various motels, hotels and rooming houses in the Birmingham area in an effort to determine if subject can be identified as having been in Birmingham on 3/29/68, and further to determine if he was in contact with any other person at that time. Appropriate records, cards, etc. are to be furnished to the FBI Laboratory for handwriting comparison.

SAC Jensen, Memphis, was instructed to obtain a list of the guests of the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, of 4/3/68, and forward this to the Birmingham Office. It is noted that Ray stayed at the Rebel Motel on 4/3/68, the night before the King assassination.

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